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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 4037

FROM USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE
SUBJECT: OPENING PLENARY OF BELGRADE CSCE PREPARATORY MEETING

SUMMARY: BELGRADE CSCE PREPARATORY MEETING HAD NON-CONTENTIOUS, LARGELY CEREMONIAL OPENING SESSION JUNE 15. SPANISH INTRODUCED DRAFT ORDER OF WORK FOR PREPARATORY MEETING, AND UK ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS TABLING DRAFT DECISION SHEET. FIRST WORKING SESSION WILL BE JUNE 16, AT 1030. BRITISH WILL HOLD PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 15 PM TO EXPLAIN DECISION SHEET, AND US DEL WILL MEET WITH AMERICAN PRESS JUNE 16 BEFORE FIRST WORKING SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS WAS ADMITTED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTE PICTURE SESSION BEFORE OPENING GAVEL AND TO HEAR LOW-KEY FIVE-MINUTE WELCOMING ADDRESS BY YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC WHICH STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND DEVELOPING CSCE PROCESS IN WORLD WHERE "SINISTER FORCES STILL OPPOSE DETENTE" BY VARIOUS HOSTILE MEANS INCLUDING PROPAGANDA AND TERRORISM (LATTER MAY BE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO CROATIAN ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV UN MISSION ALTHOUGH THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS DENIED BY FIRST DEPUTY FONMIN MOJSOV). FINNS BRIEFLY CONGRUATULATED YUGOSLAVS ON ASSUMING HOST GOVERNMENT ROLE WHICH THEY HAD PLAYED AT HELSINKI.

2. IN ONLY SUBSTANTAIVE BUSINESS, SPANISH ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD SUBMIT DRAFT ORDER OF WORK FOR PREPARATORY MEETING INCLUDING SIX ITEMS: 1) OPENING OF BUSNINESS;

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2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR PREPARATORY MEETING; 3) PREPARATION OF AGENDA FOR MAIN MEETING; 4) WORK MODALITIES FOR MAIN MEETING; 5) DATE AND DURATION OF MAIN MEETING; 6) ADOPTION OF FINAL DOCUMENT BY PREPARATORY MEETING. SWISS AND ROMANIANS ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH SPANISH PROPOSAL. UK NOTED THAT IT WOULD FORMALLY TABLE DRAFT DECISION SHEET JUNE 16. MEETING THEN ADJOURNED.

3. COMMENT: INITIAL REACTION OF SEVERAL ALLIED DELS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED IS THAT ALLIES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FOLD SPANISH DRAFT AGENDA,WHICH IS LIKELY TO HAVE WIDESPREAD NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT, INTO DISCUSSION OF ALLIED DRAFT DECISION SHEET. SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OF SPANISH DRAFT AGENDA (ITEMS 3-5) CORRESPOND TO MAIN SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF DRAFT DECISION SHEET. ITEM ON DATE AND DURATION IS OUT OF ORDER, BUT AS PRACTICAL MATTER MOST DELEGATIONS WILL PROBABLY INSIST ON CONSIDERING AGENDA AND WORKING PROCEDURES BEFORE THEY ATTEMPT TO REACH DECISION ON TIMING QUESTIONS. WEST COULD THUS ACCEPT SPANISH DRAFT AGENDA AND THEN SEEK TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON DECISION SHEET WHICH IS OUR VIEW OF WAY SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS PROPOSED BY SPANISH SHOULD BE RESOLVED. END COMMENT.

4. BRITISH WILL BRIEF EC PRESS ON DRAFT DECISION SHEET AT 1700 JUNE 15 AND WILL NOTE THAT US IS TO BE CO-SPONSOR. AMBASSADOR WILL BRIEF AMERICAN PRESS ON DECISION SHEET JUNE 16 PRIOR TO FIRST WORKING SESSION OF PREP MEETING AND WILL PREVIEW WHAT HE WILL SAY IN LENARY LATER THAT MORNING.
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